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TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR PRODUCING GAS CLATHRATE AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

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6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
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 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
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12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
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16. ☒ A ~~power of attorney and/or~~ change of address letter.
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18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
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20. ☒ Other items or information:

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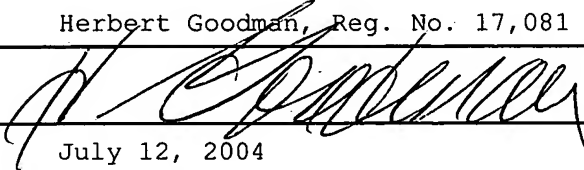
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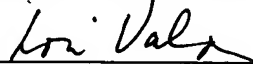
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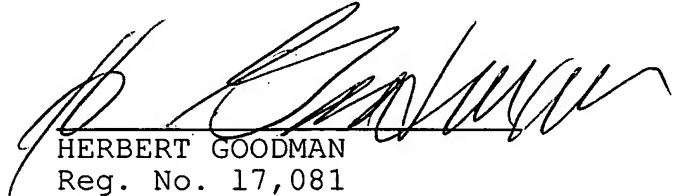
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